**Mission Statement**
Saint Stephen Parish, as guided by the Holy Spirit and empowered by the Sacraments, is sent forth to know, love and serve God. For the salvation of souls, we endeavor to evangelize the Gospel message through Christ-centered ministries and truthful witness. Our parish pledges fidelity to the Magisterium, the teaching authority of the Holy Catholic Church. We offer traditional, orthodox and reverent practice of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for the edification of the faithful and for the making of saints. The Saint Stephen parish family seeks to actively build a culture of life and recognizes the dignity of all persons as children of God.

**English Weekend Masses**
Saturday: 5pm  
Sunday: 8am and 11am

**Latin (Tridentine) Weekend Mass**
1st Friday 6:30pm / 1st Saturday 9:30am  
Sunday: 9:30am

**German Weekend Mass**
1st Sunday of every month: 11am

**Weekday, Holy Days & Holidays**
See full schedule inside bulletin

**New Parishioners**
Please contact the Parish Office to register.

**Reconciliation**
Saturday 4:15-4:45pm  
Sunday 9-9:20am (or by appointment)

**Baptism**
The baptism of infants and children under the age of seven is celebrated monthly. Call the Parish Office to Register.

**Marriage**
Weddings should be arranged with the Pastor at least 6 months in advance.

**Anointing of the Sick / Funerals**
Contact the Parish Office to arrange.

**Metro Catholic Parish School**
1910 West 54th Street  
Mary Lou Toler, Director  
Sr. Anne Maline, SND, Director Emerita  
216-281-4044

**Sisters of Notre Dame Convent**
1891 West 57th Street  
216-631-0754
This Week’s Church Services

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 1, Church
Vigil of The Presentation of the Lord
4:15 – 4:45 PM  Reconciliation (Confessions Heard)
5:00 PM  Intentions of Sandra Esner

Sunday, February 2, Church
Presentation of the Lord
8:00 AM  Betty Wall
9:00 AM  Reconciliation (Confessions Heard)/Pray the Holy Rosary
9:30 AM  Tridentine Latin Mass (Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary) – † Colella Spuhler
11:00 AM  German—†† Sepp & Ria Gradl

Monday, February 3, Rectory Chapel
Weekday, St. Blaise
6:30 PM  † Mary Towle

Tuesday, February 4
Weekday
6:45 AM  Tridentine Latin Mass (St. Andrew Corsini) (Church)
Intentions of Gerald & Janie Igleheart
6:30 PM  (Rectory Chapel)  Susan Hatta

Wednesday, February 5, Church
St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr
6:30 PM  Tridentine Latin Mass— The Ken Koncelik Family
7:00-8:00 PM  Holy Hour (Adoration, Confessions, Benediction)

Thursday, February 6, Church
St. Titus, Bishop & Confessor
6:30 PM  Betty Wall

Friday, February 7, Church
St. Romuald, Abbot
6:30 PM  Tridentine Latin Mass (First Friday) † Dorothy Evans

Saturday, February 8, Church
Vigil of the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:15 – 4:45 PM  Reconciliation (Confessions Heard)
5:00 PM  † Emily Sted

Sunday, February 9, Church
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 AM  Parishioners of St. Stephen
9:00 AM  Reconciliation (Confessions Heard)/Pray the Holy Rosary
9:30 AM  Tridentine Latin Mass (Septuagesima Sunday) – The Jim and Linda Lucas Family
11:00 AM  Alumni—Living and Deceased Members of the St. Stephen Alumni Association

Contact the Parish Office at 216-631-5633 to schedule a Mass.
The customary stipend (offering) is $10.00

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All Sunday & Holy Days at 9:30am: Rev. Bede Kotlinski

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SAINTS & OBSERVANCES WEEK OF FEBRUARY 2

Sunday: The Presentation of the Lord; Blessing of Candles; World Day for Consecrated Life
Monday: Fourth Week in Ordinary Time; St. Blaise; St. Ansgar
Wednesday: St. Agatha
Thursday: St. Paul Miki and Companions
Friday: First Friday
Saturday: St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita; International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking; Blessed Virgin Mary

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 2

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7; Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 — 19:3; Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Mk 6:7-13
Friday: Sir 47:2-11; Ps 18:31, 47, 50, 51; Mk 6:14-29
Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34
Sunday: Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Walter Allen  Alberta Gall  Tracy Martin
Luann Ashby  Mike Gallo  Jennifer Martinc
Victoria Bailey  Jack Grimm, Sr.  Cielo McClain
Burley Blankenship  Susan Hatta  Patricia McGonegal
Lawrence Blasius  Larry Haynes  Elizabeth Niehaus
Patricia Burfield  Barb Helon  Barbara Rieth
Jack Busdiecker  Catherin Henry  Mark Reynolds
Ann Caldwell  Cecilia Hoefer  Ken Schneider
Fr. Joseph Callahan  Agnes Hogan  Terry Shannon
Ann Malone  Tracy Martin  Glenn Sneed
Nicholas Johanneri — Discernment of Holy Orders
Rose Johannes—Discerning Religious Life

Our brave First Responders who work tirelessly to keep us safe, especially Chris Larson, our Sunday Cleveland Police Officer, and Lt. Timothy Maffo-Judd.

If you would like someone added to or removed from this prayer list, please call the Parish Secretary at 216-631-5633. Thank you.
REFLECTION
As we echo the words of Simeon holding the Child Jesus in his arms and then, with thankful heart, step down from his earthly service to God, we too should remember that we are in the Lord’s service. At the close of the day, we hold the Savior in our arms, transcendentally speaking; we hold Him in faith, in grace, in the sacraments, especially the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Ardently we thank God for His blessings; and we are prepared, if it be His will, to take our leave from the world. “Now, master, let your servant go in peace according to your word, because my eyes have seen your salvation. You prepared this salvation in the presence of all peoples. It’s a light for revelation to the Gentiles and a glory for your people Israel.” (Luke 2: 29 - 32) Christ is our salvation, our redemption, our Light; He enlightens the darkness of our mind and heart. He is our glory, our eternal reward! Oh, I wish that we could bring each day to a close with thoughts like these. How well they express the greatest reward! Oh, I wish that we could bring each day to a close with thoughts of a Christian heart at the end of the day. How magnificent would Simeon’s prayer fall from the lips of the dying; it would be the night prayer to life. ~ Fr. Caroli Shao

NEXT WEEK’S SECOND COLLECTION
The 2020 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal will take place next weekend in our parish. This year’s appeal theme is Faces of Hope. Your generous support will transform the lives of others, to offer dignity, possibilities and companionship to those who are most vulnerable.

As in the past, an in-pew commitment process will take place next weekend, February 8-9. All who have not received the mailing from Bishop Perez, or have not had a chance to respond to it, will be asked to consider making a generous pledge to support the ministries and services provided by Catholic Charities. If you have received the mailing, please respond generously to it and we ask you to also complete the in-pew envelope and indicate by checking the box that you have responded by mail. To make a donation today, text CCHOPE to 41444 or visit CatholicCommunity.org/Donate.

MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES WEEK OF FEBRUARY 2

Sunday, Feb 2
- Schola Practice—8:30-9:15am (CR)
- Schola Practice—10:40am-12:00pm (CR)
- German Mass Social—12:00pm (R)

Monday, Feb 3
- Society of St. Stephen—7:00pm (CR)

Thursday, Feb 6
- SVDP Ministry—7:15pm (CR)

Friday, Feb 7
- First Friday

Saturday, Feb 8
- Sacramental Prep—11:00am (SFR)

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION
A CHRISTMAS REPRIZE
The Church’s celebration three weeks ago of the Baptism of the Lord signaled the “official” end of the Christmas season. Today’s feast of the Presentation of the Lord seems to extend the Incarnation celebration a bit longer. In fact, some have called this feast a “second Epiphany.”

The first reading recalls the anticipation of Advent, as Malachi writes, “Lo, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me.” The reading from Hebrews reminds us of the Incarnation, proclaiming that Jesus had a “share” in our own “blood and flesh.” The Gospel finds the infant Jesus on his first visit to Jerusalem and his human parents once again surprised and in awe over the events surround his birth.

In the simplicity of the manger, in the grandeur of the temple, in the domesticity of Nazareth, Jesus comes. May we come to know him and so be filled with “wisdom” and the “favor of God.”

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SAINT AGATHA (died 251) February 5
“Of noble birth and great beauty,” so the ancient accounts describe Saint Agatha, martyred during an early persecution for refusing a powerful Roman’s offer of marriage, since she had consecrated her virginity to Christ. An early preacher, Saint Methodius, reflects instead on her name, noting that, in Greek, Agatha means “good,” goodness being something we can all strive for, nobly born or common, blessed with beauty—or not! So brutal the tortures that violated her youthful innocence, Agatha, like Agnes and several other women martyrs, was honored from time immemorial by having her name inscribed in the Roman Canon (Eucharistic Prayer I). Long invoked as protector against earthquakes—Mount Etna erupted as she was being tortured—recent attention has focused on the particularly cruel torture decreed for Agatha, the cutting off of her breasts. This has inspired cancer survivors to promote Saint Agatha as patron and intercessor for women courageously facing breast cancer, for their families and the multitude of supporters who participate in fund-raising marches and races, and, of course, for the dedicated researchers who seek a cure.

~Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

PROLIFE CORNER—Why I Go There

“Why do I go there [to pray and protest at abortion mills]? It is because I must, I am a mother and I have the heart of a mother. I know what it is like to have a difficult pregnancy, to have everything far from perfect. I have been through labor (aptly named) and delivery. I’ve held that new little baby, looked in his eyes and said, "Hello little one. Who are you? Let’s get to know each other. I am your mother and you are my baby. I love you." - Mary Therese

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JANUARY 25 & 26 OFFERTORY COLLECTION

General Collection: (51) $1,548.12 / Children: (6) $1.64
Ecclesia Nostra: (34) $1,041.00
Church in Latin America (El Salvador): (8) $39.00

Thank you all for your generosity!
Number of Weekly Collection Envelopes Issued: 234
Parish Announcements

**SCHEDULE A MASS INTENTION**
We have openings for weekday and some weekend Masses in the year of our Lord 2020. You can schedule a Mass for a deceased loved one or friend, anniversary, birthday, an illness or any other particular intention. The stipend for the Mass Intention is $10. Please contact the Parish Secretary to schedule a Mass intention. Thank you!

**THE “ECCLESIA NOSTRA” FUND**
Every penny donated to the Ecclesia Nostra fund will be used to support only the operating needs of the Parish. If you wish to donate to this fund, please write “EN” in big letters on any envelope. Writing “EN” will direct your donation to the Ecclesia Nostra fund. Blue-colored Ecclesia Nostra envelopes will be included in your Offertory Envelope mail starting in April of 2020. Thank you for your generous contribution to this fund!

**This Week in the Latin Rite**

“Now Thou dost dismiss Thy servant, O Lord, according to Thy word in peace, because mine eyes have seen Thy salvation.”

**PURIFICATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

Thought for the Day: The same Divine plan which had required that Mary should be espoused to St. Joseph, in order that Her fruitful Virginity might not seem strange in the eyes of the people, now obliged Her to come, like other Israelite mothers, to offer the sacrifice of Purification. Thus it is that Infinite Wisdom delights in showing that His thoughts are not our thoughts, and in disconcerting our notions; He claims the submissiveness of our confidence, until the time that He has fixed for withdrawing the veil, and showing Himself to our astonished view. The Mother and the Child both humbled Themselves in the Purification, and man’s pride received, on that day, one of the greatest lessons ever given it. Adapted from The Liturgical Year by Abbot Gueranger

**Prayer:** Virgin most resigned, who didst feel thy soul transfixed with sorrow when in spirit thou didst foresee all the bitter passion of thy Son, and, knowing the grief of Joseph, thy spouse, for all thy sufferings, didst with holy words console him; pierce through and through our souls with true sorrow for our sins, that we may one day have the consolation to be made partakers of thy glory in heaven.

News from the Pews!

**CONGRATULATIONS TO...**
Mr. and Mrs. Peter Burke, Jr. on the Baptism of their daughter, Annaclaire Agnes on Saturday, February 1, 2020!

Save the Date!

**The West Shore Chorale Coming to St. Stephen—February 23, 2020**
St. Stephen welcomes back the West Shore Chorale for “Great American Choral Classics—Then and Now,” at 3pm on Sunday February 23, here in the sanctuary. The 90 members of the Chorale will treat us to an afternoon of choral music celebrating American Composers. We’ll hear pieces covering a range of styles, including Thompson’s the Peaceable Kingdom, Ive’s Sixty-Seventh Psalm, Lullaby by Billy Joel, and others. The concert will also feature works by native-born composers including Ave Maria by David Conte and the Cleveland Premiers of Threads of Joy by Tim Brent and The Field from Dave Malloy’s new Broadway musical, “Octet.” John Drotleff will conduct, along with Associate Conductor, Michael Lisi. No tickets are necessary but a freewill offering will be taken. Part of the proceeds will benefit St. Stephen. For over 50 years, the West Shore Chorale has been serving Cleveland with great choral performances and a commitment to community outreach. For more information call 216-373-7773 or visit: www.westshorechorale.org.

Ministry Updates

**LITURGICAL MINISTRY** - Copies of the February Ministry Schedule are available in the Sacristy.

**ST. STEPHEN OUTREACH MINISTRY**
The St. Stephen Outreach Ministry served 72 people on Thursday, January 23rd from our Food Pantry. Our Community Kindness Food Pantry is open 9:30am-12:30pm on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month. Thank you to those who have generously volunteered their time in support of this Ministry!

**RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)**
Classes for adults seeking Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation are now in session on Thursdays at St. Colman Church from 6:30pm - 8:00pm in the St. Colman Parish Rectory.
To register for the Classes for St. Stephen, please call the Parish Office at 216-631-5633.
Pope Francis names Bishop Nelson J. Perez as Archbishop-Elect of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia

... “I am deeply grateful to the Holy Father for this appointment and his confidence in me. It is with great joy tinged with a sense of sadness that I accept the appointment — joy that I will be returning to serve the archdiocese in which I was ordained to the priesthood, where I served as the pastor of two parishes and where I held several leadership positions within the archdiocese, and sadness that I will be leaving an area and the incredible people in Northeast Ohio I have come to love deeply,” said Bishop Perez. “I will never forget the kindness and hospitality of the people of the Diocese of Cleveland. They will remain in my heart and prayers always. A change is an ever-present part of life, I now turn my attention southeastward as I look forward to my return to Pennsylvania to shepherd the people of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.”

“I am especially grateful to the priests, deacons, consecrated religious and all the faithful of the Diocese of Cleveland and, needless to say, my senior staff and all who work with me at the diocese for their help over the past two and a half years in continuing to advance the mission of the Church in the diocese with great passion and dedication. I will never forget the kindness and faithfulness of the people of the Diocese of Cleveland.”

Archbishop-Elect Perez will remain at the helm of the Diocese of Cleveland until his installation as Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia on February 18. Direction on the future governance of the Diocese of Cleveland is forthcoming.

To read the article in its entirety, go to : www.dioceseofcleveland.org/news/2020/01/23/pope-francis-names-bishop-nelson-j-perez-as-archbishop-elect-of-the-archdiocese-of-philadelphia

Pastoral Care of the Sick For Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

The Office for Worship is offering a NEW supplemental formation opportunity!

Those who have completed our usual formation for extraordinary ministry may also attend a Pastoral Care of the Sick for extraordinary ministers formation session, offered in cooperation with the Marriage and Family Life Office.

Attendees will receive further formation on the unique context of extraordinary ministry with those in hospitals, nursing homes, and the homebound.

Please note, prior commissioning as an extraordinary minister is REQUIRED. Registration is now open. Please call the parish office at 216-631-5633 if you are interested in registering.

ST. CHARLES—LADIES GUILD DAY OF RECOLLECTION — February 17, 2020 (President’s Day)
All women are invited to attend. Guest speaker: Father Lou Thomas. The topic of discussion is “Everything you always wanted to know about the Catholic Church and more!!” Our Day of Recollection will be on Monday, February 17 in the Lower Parish Hall. We will start with a Continental Breakfast at 9:00am—10:00am. The day will conclude with Benediction in the church at 2:30pm. Lunch will be provided for a $2.00 charge or you may bring your own brown bag lunch. Any questions, please call Pam Bennett at 440-773-3291 or call Pat Lawler at 440-843-9186.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE
From February 26—April 5, you’re invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life—40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You’re also invited to stand and peacefully pray anytime between 7 am to 7 pm during the 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Preterm—12000 Shaker Blvd., Cleveland, 44102 or Planned Parenthood—25350 Rockside Rd., Bedford Heights, 44146 or Family Planning—54 South State St., Painesville, 44077.

Join us at the Kickoff Rally at St. Justin Martyr church in Eastlake on February 25 at 7 pm with Keynote Speaker, Fr. Daniel Bowen, O. de M. Contact John Noall at cleveland-praysforlife@gmail.com or 216-245-9744 for more information.

Websites:
www.40daysforlife.com/Cleveland
www.40daysforlife.com/painesville
www.40daysforlife.com/bedfordheights

THE ROAD TO GOD
There is but one road to lead us to God—humility; all other ways would only lead astray, even were they fenced in with all virtues. —Nicolas Boileau-Despreaux